

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:795
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Financial Assistance to Panchayats
Bohara Shri Ramcharan

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

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- a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the Panchayats directly;
- b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and
- c) the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) has recommended grants to the tune of Rs.2,00,292.20 crore for the award period from 2015 to 2020 to Gram Panchayats. The Grants are intended to be used to improve the status of basic services including water supply, sanitation including septage management, sewerage and solid waste management, storm water drainage, maintenance of community assets, maintenance of roads, footpaths and street-lighting, and burial and cremation grounds. Further, the Commission has also recommended certain measures to be taken by the State Governments to enhance own resource base of the Panchayats. 90 percent of the Grants are the Basic Grants and 10 percent will be Performance Grant (applicable from 2016-17). The grants are allocated and released to various States by the Ministry of Finance in accordance with the guidelines. The State-wise total allocation and release of grants for Gram Panchayats during 2015-16 is at Annexe.
